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Over the next month we have an array of interesting speakers.

Commencing next week with Part 2 of Member Talks, then A Dentist, an Author, a Retired Colonel and much more. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

Next Meetings	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 5:30 for 6:30 pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 5:30 for 6:30 pm
Location	Highland Golf Club	Highland Golf Club
Program	Member Talks	Dentistry
Speaker	From the right - Brian Elliott / Rosemary Kelly	Peter Tyas
Intro / Vote of Thanks	Lynton Kettle	Victor Hugo
Dinner Fee Duty	Brian Elliott	Tony Glenn
Journalist	Trevor Fair	Denise Coad
Regalia Duty	Jim Gasson	Trevor Fair
If you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement and advise Trevor Fair by email: trevorf@oxleypartners.com.au		



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Ex Rotarian Peter Tyas will be giving a humorous insight into Dentistry

9<sup>th</sup> April - Rotarian John McPherson - the next Rotary Challenge, malaria and RAMS

30<sup>th</sup> April - author Steve Matthews - "The Skinny Girl" - is a thought-provoking story about a victim of emotional domestic abuse.

7<sup>th</sup> May - Nicole Blaik - SH Community Centre - an update on current issues in the Highlands.





## Journalist: Denise Coad

## Welcome

**President Lynton** welcomed Members and our returning Guest -

Patrick Arrieula. Will he be back next week as a Member?

Welcome back Ray Coulton.

Invocation - Brian Elliott

### International Toast - Lynton Kettle

The City of Christchurch in New Zealand was established in 1856 on land originally settled by Maori in 1250 AD. It was named after Christ Church in Oxford.

Now-a-days it has a population of over 400 000 who have suffered through quite a few traumas over the past decade. Earthquakes between 2010 and 12 destroyed over a thousand buildings and restoration of the city is still going on.

The Town Hall performing arts centre was badly damaged and has been completely rebuilt. The main theatre hosted its first concert in 8 years less than three weeks ago.

In 2017 fires destroyed over 20 square kilometres of land and a number of buildings surrounding the city.

And last Friday the outrageous murderous attack on innocent people at prayer left 50 dead, many recovering in hospital and the people of Christchurch and New Zealand and Australia and the rest of the world deeply hurt, shaken and traumatised.

Everyone will have different feelings over what has happened. We can be sure that our fellow Rotarians will be doing what they can to comfort their neighbours.

President Shane Murdoch and the 67 Members of the Rotary Club of Riccarton meet in a hotel only 700 metres away along the same street as the mosque where the main attack took place.

Their Club was Chartered in 1953 in District 9970 which covers the 33 Clubs in the South Island.

Would you please be upstanding and take a moment of silence to reflect on the tragedy and those affected by it. In sympathy with those affected would you please make our International Toast to our friends in New Zealand and the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Riccarton.



And a very quick response from President Shane of the RC of Riccarton.

Kia ora President Lynton and all,

Thank you very much for this. It has certainly been a very difficult few days, not only for the club but for the entire city and country. Our hearts are broken for these poor people and it is very difficult to find the words to express the sorrow and anger. However it is a remarkable thing with regards to how this awful tragedy has turned us into a village of 400,000 odd people. There is a lot of aroha (love) here as well.

Your aroha is greatly appreciated and I will pass on your message to our club.

Go well my friends.

Yours in Rotary

Shane

### Announcements

### Don Graham

Don met with the Interactors yesterday. The \$450 spent on Interact Blazers is well spent. It identifies them to other Students. There are 20 Interact Members and they run the Club very well. Two have attended RYPEN, and we have two or three in mind for this year. They have funds in the Club of \$8,400 of which \$3,000 is allocated to their Cambodia project. They are having a cake stall this Friday. They also help out at the Breakfast Club, and the Anzac Service.

RYPEN is on May 17,18,19 at Mogo. Any help Members can provide on May 17 and 19 with transport, etc. please.

MUNA is on May 18.

Working with Children Certificates need to be up to date.

### Mary Ramsay

The Trivia Night will be on June 22.

### lan Langford

The Science and Engineering Challenge will be on June 3 and 4. There is a list on all tables for Volunteers. Please be generous with your time.

### Graham Hicks

He will organise for the Bowel Scan Tests to be picked up and dropped off at the Chemist.

### Luciano Liberale

Has volunteered to pick up the MUNA Flags from Canberra. Thanks Louie.

### Will Eddowes

The Roasters with Attitude Vocational Visit is on May 12 at Blackheath. If you could please advise if you are attending on the sheet which is on all tables.

### Member Talk - Rod Aistrope



Born in Adelaide a very long time ago – nearly 72 years.

Awarded Bachelor of Technology Degree in Civil Engineering in 1970 at University of Adelaide.

First real job was Kinhill Engineers from 1969-1976.

Met and wooed and married best friend "Min" in 1973 – 45 years wed.

1976-77 – South Africa Civil Contracting Firm on 3 Projects. In the age of apartheid it was a dramatic change from Adelaide,

1977 – Europe Travelled much too far on much too little and saw not enough of too many things.

1978 – Back home in Adelaide where first-born Matthew arrived.

1979 – Rockhampton Career mistake – joined Queensland Public Service and the Electricity Generating Board

1979-1983 – Port Moresby, PNG. POM is like a lifetime anywhere else, but we left with 2 more children, Timothy born back in Adelaide, and Jane in Cairns.

1983 – Canberra Started AE in 1984 – 35 years ago in May. About 100 arch bridges in Canberra, through NSW and in WA. 20 or 30 ordinary bridges throughout NSW.

1996 – 1999 – Sydney Managed consulting practice doing mainly buildings – largest was Abbotsford Cove Estate. Never want to work for someone else again.

1999 to forever – Bowral

Involvement includes:

- Rotary
- Engineers Australia
- Argyle Community Housing
- Challenge House

Started off a fairly conservative young man. By his experiences and growing up evolved to the political centre, but with a socialist viewpoint.

#### Member Talk - Jim Gasson



His talk will be on "Life".

He was born in 1938 at "Strathmore" which is now the Bowral Police Station.

A lot of locals were conceived on The Gib.

His Dad had a Poultry Farm at Yerrinbool. He had free-range eggs – no cages – but he went broke.

He was sent to a Boarding School at Yanderra. The School was a 1 Teacher School – Mrs. Parsons – who owned the Cottage. There were 40 Students.

He recalled the Japanese attack in Sydney Harbour.

In 6 Class they played with axes and swords. The School had a giant Seesaw.

In Year 2 to 6 there were 16 Children.

In High School he went to Hurstville Agricultural College.

He hated the 5 years he spent in Boarding School, and found it difficult in his younger years.

He had a Gap Year and worked on the Warragamba Dam. Working with Europeans, which he enjoyed. He was a shift worker and carried sugar bags filled with light bulbs. Holidays were spent in Melbourne.

He then went to a Teaching College in North Newtown. It was part of The Sydney Teachers College. Education was important, and this was what he wanted to do.

Here he was introduced to Unions. There were

1500 Students and only 170 Union Members on the Student Representative Council.

He taught Night School at Picton High School.

He then taught at Greenwell Point Public School, which was a 1 Teacher School with 55 Students. He reinforced what you do with an ordinary person when you take up Sport.

He then spent 8 years at Bargo Primary School. He loved Primary School Teaching.

He taught English to 15 Blokes, and learnt so much about them. They were so keen to learn. They would enjoy a drink – no drunks and no fights. He had a 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bedroom House and they would come to his place.

He did Cross Country Running. This was after no smoking, sugar or salt. He dieted, exercised on the 5BX Program.

He was jogging along Old South Head Road and met Brian Elliott.

He did a lot of running in 1990 – doing marathons. As a 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday present for his eldest son Brent they went to Berlin. It was the time of the Berlin Wall coming down. They competed in a race in Amsterdam, but unfortunately Steve Moneghetti was in the same Race.

After jogging he got into Duathlon .He thought about Triathlon next, but could not swim.

He and Brian Elliott (Bouf) joined Rotary in 1986.

"If you put your mind to it you can do it"

Local Government Story to follow.

Joker Draw - Jacinta - King of Hearts



### **March Birthdays**

Tony Glenn 1/3 Luciano Liberale 22/3

#### **April Birthdays:**

Don Graham 9/4 Bob Rheinberger 9/4 Vicki Kelley 13/4 Brian Elliott 18/4 Keep an eye on the Bulletin for celebration date.

### EVENT DIARY

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March	28 <sup>th</sup>	Bush Regeneration, Mt Alexandra, then lunch Glass Coffee House	
		District Assembly	
	30 <sup>th</sup> -31st	Melrose HS,	
		Marr St, Pearce ACT.	
April	19 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day	
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Roasters with Altitude, Blackheath	
	17 <sup>th</sup> -19th	RYPEN, need candidates	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	MUNA, WSC Chambers	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Liberale Golf Day	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Berrima RC - Wheres Wally Fundraiser	
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4th	S&E Challenge Discovery Day	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Inner Wheel - Wedding Fashion through the ages	



#### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Registration \$35/a & \$15/c +12yrs

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- Create a team with cars/bikes/buses
- Wear WW costume
- Sense of adventure
- Prizes, secret locations, treasures to find
- Lunch & refreshments provided BYO Drinks
  RESCHEDULED Sunday 26th May 9

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

Sunday 26th May 9:00am @ New Berrima Oval 0418 451 298



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